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Brown

Meet 'Mary Poppins'

By Alice Truong
REDEYE

When Ashley Brown was a little girl, she would watch "Mary Poppins" over and over again, memorizing every line so she could sing along—annoying her family along the way.

"My siblings and parents kept saying, 'Can you please watch another movie?'" Brown recalls.

For the last three years, she has been playing the practically perfect nanny in the Broadway show of the same name, which runs until mid-July at the Cadillac Palace Theatre. Brown, 27, who moved to the South Loop in January when the production came to Chicago, dished to RedEye about her iconic role.

What's it like to fly?

It's amazing. People think it's a lot harder than it is. To be honest, I just hang there. When I fly

over the audience, you get to see people's faces. To us, you're pitch black. You finally see different people and how they react.

At 27, has the magic of "Mary Poppins" remained?

When I fell in love with the movie, little did I know how much further this love would grow. I will never look at an umbrella the same, or anything with flowers and cherry trees.

You grew up in Florida, went to school in Cincinnati and debuted as Mary Poppins in New York. How does Chicago stack up?

I love Chicago. The people are so nice. The pace of New York makes people agitated and grumpy. I love Chicago because it has a big-city feel and a small-town vibe. It has all the stuff you want in a big city, and everybody's a little more chill.



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West Loop

This annual open house along Fulton Market and Lake Street includes neighborhood galleries, shops and boutiques. Noon. Complete list of participating businesses: explorefultonmarket.com. Bess & Loie, 1015 W. Lake St. 312-226-2247. Free

Spring Fever bar crawl

Wrigleyville

Celebrate spring with a bar crawl through the usual Wrigleyville haunts along Clark Street. Noon. Clark and Addison Streets. Complete list of participating bars: springfeverbarcrawl.com.

'Monty Python and the Holy Grail' screening

Lakeview

The event includes a post-screening discussion with former Monty Python member and director Terry Jones. 6 p.m. and 9 p.m. \$39.95-\$44.50. Lakeshore Theater, 3175 N. Broadway 773-472-3492.



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Scrabble Sunday

West Town

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'Mommie Dearest'

screening

Lakeview

See a screening of the 1981 camp flick about movie star Joan Crawford and starring Faye Dunaway. Upgrade to a brunch beginning at noon (\$24) at Blue Bayou, 3734 N. Southport Ave., and reserved seating at the theater. 1:30 p.m. Music Box Theatre, 3733 N. Southport Ave. 773-871-6604, \$12



Work it out!

Check it out if you... think it's time to dust off your running shoes, need to get that bod of yours in shape for swimsuit season or think Jillian Michaels from "The Biggest Loser" could be the one to help you break into a sweat.

The deets: Before you slather on some deodorant and head over to Grant Park for the four-hour Workout in the Park on May 16, you'll have to sign up. For the past 15 years, this event has made its way to Chicago, offering exercise classes and tons of freebies. This year, Crunch Fitness leaders will teach 20 classes, ranging from the traditional (yoga, Pilates and kickboxing) to the quirky (strutting down the runway on stilettos). "Biggest Loser" trainer Michaels hosts the event. Though it is popular among women 18 to 45,

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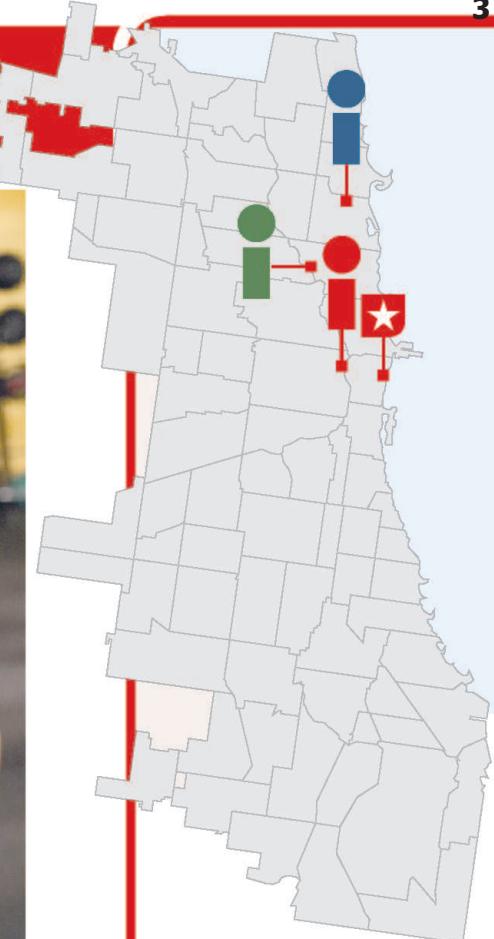
Sign-ups for SELF Magazine's **Workout in the Park** on May 16

Butler Field in Grant Park,

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it's open to all. Workout in the Park starts at 11 a.m. and will run until 3 p.m. May 16. Tickets are \$15 and can be purchased online or at Grant Park when you arrive with cash. Proceeds go to charity and your ticket comes with a one-year subscription to SELF.

The payoff: Burning enough calories so you can show off that new physique on the beach.



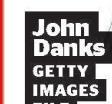
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PERSONAL FOWL!

KFC incident latest fast-food flop

Who knew Oprah Winfrey and KFC could be a recipe for controversy?

After the talk show queen announced a meal promotion on her show Tuesday where viewers could download coupons for a free meal from oprah.com, there was a run on a New York City KFC. And they ran out of chicken.

Adding to the storm: Internet rumors that a riot ensued. A KFC spokeswoman told The Associated Press on Wednesday the rumors were unfounded and Winfrey's people said they were not aware of any problems with the coupons. KFC issued rain checks for the promo Friday. In the end, America was reminded of a very important lesson this week: Do. Not. Mess. With. People's. Food.

Here now, odd and cringe-inducing moments in fast-food history.



Domino's
Last month, two Domino's Pizza workers in North Carolina each got a felony charge after a video posted to YouTube showed one of them messing with food in the kitchen.



Burger King
Last year, several Burger King employees in Ohio got canned after a video posted to YouTube showed one of them taking a bath in the kitchen sink.



Popeyes
Last month, an ABC affiliate in New York caused a stir when it aired a story about a Popeyes running out of chicken—and interviewed only black people about it. Some said it was racist.



McDonald's

In March, police said a Florida woman called 911 three times after McDonald's employees told her they were out of Chicken McNuggets.

McDonald's

Police in Switzerland on Monday were investigating a girl's discovery of a condom in her McDonald's Happy Meal, allegedly found among her French fries.

In, out, whatever

What's going on this week?



Gay marriage

Maine legalized the practice Wednesday, and the New Hampshire legislature voted to do the same. The D.C. city council voted to recognize gay marriages performed elsewhere.



Tax hikes?

Cook County Board President Todd Stroger (left) found himself politically isolated Wednesday as he rethought his pledge to block the repeal of an unpopular sales-tax increase.



'Jon and Kate Plus 8'

Those 10 sure can drum up a lot of interest.

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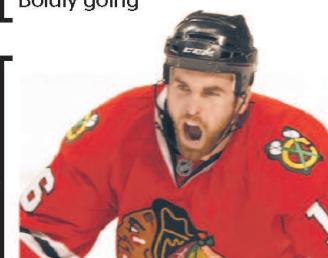
RedEye takes the temperature of current events



Drew Peterson
Cue media circus



Star Trek
Boldly going



Blackhawks
Bring it on, Vancouver!



Kiefer Sutherland
Alleged head-butter



Swine flu
Where'd nonstop coverage go?



Michelle Obama
Elmo's cute, but ...

Drops & give me 20!

Looking to slim down before summer? Chicago boot camps are serious about fitness

By Andrea Stanley
FOR REDEYE

It's 6 a.m. and rain is pelting down on Deidre Perez while she huffs and puffs after a mile sprint. It's intense enough to be a nightmare. It's not.

Perez, 32, of Irving Park is at her weekly fitness boot camp class, where the workout is always grueling but never the same, ranging from obstacle courses and relay races to sit-ups and sprints. And for her, it is something of a dream come true.

"I was scared to go at first," Perez said. "I didn't know what to expect. I thought the instructors were going to be really mean. It took a couple of weeks to get used to it, but I went months without missing a day. I kept seeing progress every day, every week, every month."

Perez, who participated in Ground Pound Fitness Boot Camp in Wicker Park, lost 35 pounds over four months and gained the ability to run a mile when she participated in the program last summer. But injuries are a part of the process. Perez hurt her knee during training, she says, because she didn't have the proper gym shoes.

With only about a month and a half until June 21, the first official day of summer, it's time to start thinking again of those days filled with itsy bitsy bikinis and teeny weenie summer garb. And in an attempt to evict their winter storage of jellyrolls, Chicagoans are flocking to exercise boot camps, which boast slogans such as "Learn to survive like a drill sergeant" and "Even couch potatoes will be sprinting with our SWAT team trained classes."

Chicago boot camps are generally held outdoors, in the early hours of the morning and can run for eight to 12 weeks, although each one is different. The formula is simple: Combine an intense series of various exercises with an instructor who usually possesses a military background. Throughout the city there are a wide range of camps from Lincoln Park to the

South Loop.

But behind the spitting, red-faced captains screaming to "drop down and give me 20" are questions of safety and effectiveness. Are these programs safe enough for the average Joe? Do they really work, or are they just another ploy to lure traditional gym flunkies into working out?

"Let's keep it real; at the gym you get on an elliptical, play around for a few minutes and then you are bored," said Andrea Everett, owner of D3 Boot Camp, which holds classes in the South Loop, Cottage Grove and Crete. "Boot camps are effective because you are getting an hour of power with someone who knows what they are doing and can work you out at your maximum capacity."

Everett says the over-the-top antics are a little overplayed, but tough love is definitely part of the weight loss equation.

"We do take working out seriously," said Everett. "It is not a joke." Participants in the D3 Boot Camp are assigned a partner to act as both a support system and a workout baby-sitter, making sure you get to class every week. Too tired to attend one rainy Monday? Someone is "going to call you, get you up, and get you there," Everett said. She said participants in her program have lost up to 85 pounds in a year's time.

At Joe Caballero's Ground Pound Fitness, which offers classes in Wicker Park and Old Town, the natural elements of the outdoors are used to create unique workouts every day, ranging from yoga and martial arts to core training and sprinting. Late arrivals to the program, held in city parks, receive an additional set of push-ups as a penalty.



Andrea Everett shows LaTonya Brooks of Hyde Park how to perform a push-up during a D3 Boot Camp workout session.
MICHAEL JARECKI FOR REDEYE

"I treat people in my group like they are part of my unit," said owner Caballero, who served in the Marine Corps. "The spirit of our fitness program is always faithful. And people stick with that, because it becomes life changing."

Despite injury, days of bleak weather and an intense instructor, Perez says she wouldn't trade her pounds lost and hard work for a stint in the gym any day.

"I really want to keep doing boot camp," she said. "I joined a gym but just haven't gone as much. The gym totally sucks."

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D3 Boot Camp

125 E. 26th St., 3rd floor;
312-276-5138
d3bootcamp.com,
dre@dresdieseldome.com

What to expect: With locations in the South Loop, Cottage Grove and suburban Crete, D3 Boot Camp encourages total body fitness for adults and children in a vigorous exercise program.

Cost: \$80 to start



Sign up, sissies!

Ground Pound Fitness Boot Camp
773-398-9337;
groundpoundfitness.com,
visitme@jоeCaballero.com

What to expect: With locations in Wicker Park, Lincoln Park and Old Town, Ground Pound Fitness prides itself on its military-trained classes led by a former Marine.
Cost: \$300 for four weeks

Bulldog Fitness Boot Camp
441 South Blvd., 866-966-3966
bulldogbootcamp.com,
themajor@bulldogbootcamp.com

What to expect: With locations in Maywood, Lincoln Park, Grant Park and Hoffman Estates, their loud instructors are no shrinking violets, but they say they can shrink away those pounds.
Cost: \$342 to start for 12-week program

Looking to cut the fat before the summer hits? Sign up for one of the many boot camp fitness programs located throughout the city. **COMPILED BY ANDREA STANLEY FOR REDEYE.**

NorthSide Chicago Adventure Boot Camp for Women

2141 W Crystal St., 312-502-0960
nortsidetbootcamp.com,
jason@nortsidetbootcamp.com

What to expect: With two locations in Wicker Park, this boot camp leaves no woman behind as it specializes in classes for women of all ages, shapes and sizes.
Cost: \$200 to start for 10-week program

Wedding Boot Camp

233 N. Michigan Ave., 32nd Floor, 312-819-4466
weddingbootcamp.com,
support@weddingbootcamp.com

What to expect: With a location right in the heart of downtown Chicago, these two tough-cookie trainers will make you sweat and will have brides-to-be fitting into the wedding dress of their dreams.
Cost: \$135 to start for one-month program

South Side Boot Camp

8734 S. Paulina St., 508-922-6393
southsidebootcamp.com,
tony@southsidebootcamp.com

What to expect: With a location in Chicago's South Side, trainer Tony Simons offers decreased pounds and increased energy.
Cost: \$169 to start for four-week class



Joe Caballero, owner of Ground Pound Fitness, leads a morning fitness program at Clemente Park. **BRIAN J. MOROWCZYNSKI FOR REDEYE**

Be prepared, or pay

Mark Kaminski is a boot camp dropout.

The 29-year-old Gold Coast resident keeps his workouts to the confines of the gym after he sustained a sprained ankle last year as part of a "Tour of Duty"-themed boot camp in Grant Park.

"I was so busy trying to keep up with all of these different combinations of repetitions I tripped on a rock," said Kaminski, who says he now tries to work out about three times a week. "I just figured I was a better fit for the gym and quit after my second class. The thought of jumping jacks in the rain doesn't inspire me to lose any weight."

Boot camp injuries are not uncommon, according to Andrea Everett, owner of D3 Boot Camp. But they are not any different from injuries you see happen in the gym.

"In general we do see injuries sometimes, like knee and wrist injuries, because we do go hard," Everett says. "However, boot camp is kind of like having your own personal trainer, so we are very careful and show people how to do things the right way."

Joe Caballero, a former Marine

and trainer at Ground Pound Fitness in Wicker Park, is trained to keep a watchful eye.

"We take it easy for the first couple of weeks until your body adapts to the style of training," Caballero said. "I keep track of how everyone is doing. In the Marine Corps I kept track of people in combat, so I'm used to this."

Many boot camps, like South Side Boot Camp in the South Loop and NorthSide Boot Camp Adventure for Women in Wicker Park, also require attendees to fill out a medical history form to pre-screen them.

According to Jeff Heddles, a chiropractor at Active Body Chiropractic in the South Loop that specializes in sports injuries, boot camps pose no more of a threat than a typical workout.

"As is true with any workout, the more de-conditioned you are, the higher you are at risk for an injury. If you have been a couch potato for 20 years, you probably want to work your way into a routine a little slower than jumping right into a high-intensity workout."

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the it list By Lisa Balde

What's hot this weekend

TAKE IT

Facets Night School

'Hood: Lincoln Park

Doesn't school seem so much cooler when grades don't apply and the subject matter involves zombie flicks and rock operas? **Facets Multimedia** (1517 W. Fullerton Ave. 773-281-9075) couldn't agree more as it continues its nine-week Night School movie series, featuring midnight showings of film oddities and blast-from-the-past '80s flicks. This week's class "teaches" the merits of "Street Trash," the 1987 horror-comedy about a liquor store owner who sells batches of toxic brew that, umm, melt those who consume it. Mark your calendar for forthcoming movies, including "Quadrophenia" (May 16), "Eat the Rich" (June 6) and "Dawn of the Dead" (June 27).

WHEN: Midnight Saturday

CASH: \$5; \$40 for the rest of the series

AUDITION FOR IT

"I Want to Work For Diddy 2"

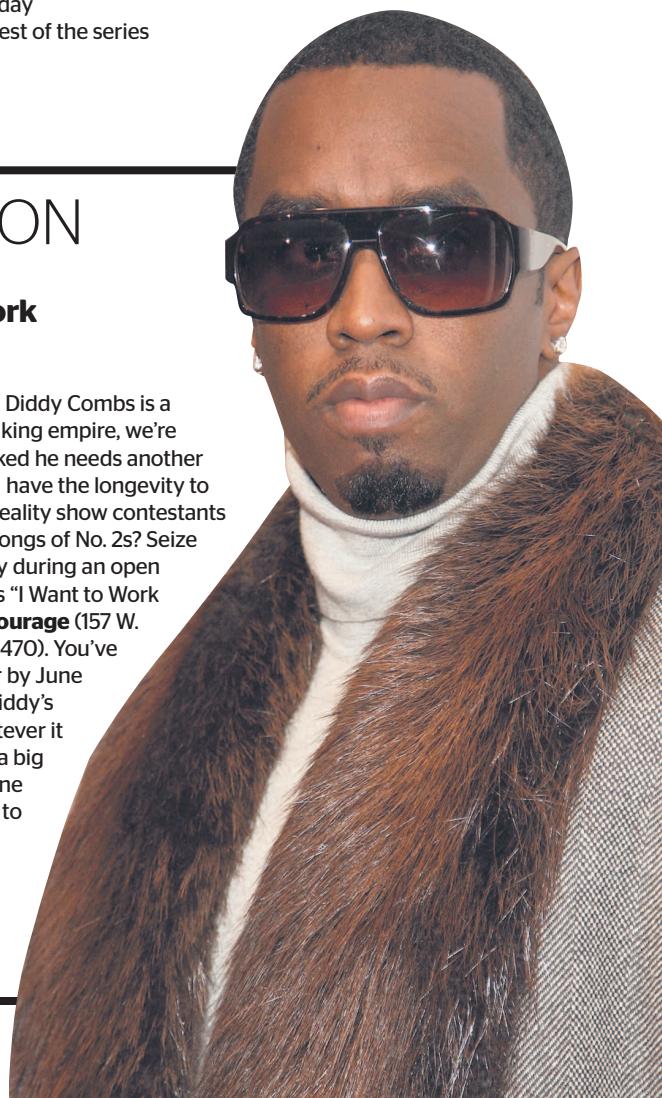
'Hood: River North

Considering Sean P. Diddy Combs is a one-man, brand-making empire, we're not especially shocked he needs another assistant. Think you have the longevity to beat out a gang of reality show contestants to be among his throngs of No. 2s? Seize your chance Sunday during an open casting call for VH1's "I Want to Work For Diddy 2" at **Ontourage** (157 W. Ontario St. 312-573-1470). You've got to be 21 or older by June and, according to Diddy's peeps, have a "whatever it takes" attitude and a big personality. Get in line early and get ready to show your 'tude.

WHEN: 5-7 p.m.

Sunday

CASH: No cover



HEAR IT

Headlights and Loney Dear

'Hood: Lakeview

After touring with Andrew Bird earlier this year, Swedish singer-songwriter Emil Svanängen (i.e. Loney Dear) continues his Illinois love affair and shares the stage with Champaign-based labelmates Headlights. If you haven't heard Svanängen's much-lauded latest album, "Dear John" (which we hear was recorded in his living room—nice), you might as well experience it live in the context of Headlights' light-hearted indie pop at **Schubas** (3159 N. Southport Ave. 773-525-2508).

WHEN: 10:30 p.m.
Saturday
CASH: \$10



Headlights

WORK IT

That fab smile

'Hood: Irving Park / Avondale

Mom always said it takes fewer muscles to smile than it does to frown. Do her proud and work those cheekbones during the second-ever laughter yoga workshop at **The Galaxie** (2603 W. Barry Ave. 773-267-6010). Belly laughs reign over tricky stretches during this nontraditional class, which promotes group connectivity through yoga breathing and exercises that encourage laughter. This class might not be your typical metabolism-boosting fat blaster, but who couldn't use a good giggle? Besides, scientific reports conclude laughing burns calories. No previous yoga experience needed; a light spirit is requested.

WHEN: 1:30 p.m. Saturday
CASH: \$15, RSVP at galaxiechicago.com recommended



Patio at **Silver Cloud**
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Mom's Day

'Hoods: River North, Lakeview, Bucktown/Wicker Park

Everybody does brunch. Why not go out on a limb for the woman who stood by you during your painful teenage years and give her more than hollandaise on Mother's Day? Why not, oh, take her bowling? Buy into the \$39 package at **10pin Bowling Lounge** (330 N. State St. 312-644-0300; 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. seatings), and you'll get two hours of quality bowling time with your mom, plus shoe rental and, yes, brunch. If Mom could use some relaxation, treat her to a complimentary manicure at **Sheffield's** (3258 N. Sheffield Ave. 773-281-4989; 10 a.m.-3 p.m.), where she'll also receive a free mimosa and flower. Or, if she's a lady who just likes to brunch, treat her to a free meal at **Silver Cloud** (1700 N. Damen Ave. 773-489-6212; 10 a.m.-noon, one mom per table).

WHEN: Sunday
CASH: Prices vary, but isn't Mom worth it?

Mother's Day meals

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Noon: All-you-can-eat brunch. Moms get a complimentary lychee bellini. \$24.95; 358 W. Ontario St. 312-335-9888.

ALHAMBRA PALACE RESTAURANT

11 a.m.: Brunch buffet. Includes a champagne toast and a red rose for moms. \$32.95. \$15.95 for kids; 1240 W. Randolph St. 312-666-9555.

BRASSERIE JO

Limited space, after 11:45 a.m. only: Selection of a la carte French brunch dishes such as shrimp bisque, brie omelets with mushrooms and smoked pork chops with potato latke and eggs. For kids: Special kids' menu and complimentary childcare at the restaurant, including games and crafts. Prices vary; 59 W. Hubbard St. 312-595-0800.

DELEECE GRILL PUB

10:30 a.m.: Specials available in addition to the regular menu, including smoked shrimp and tomato frittatas with roasted garlic sour cream, asparagus and roasted shallot frittatas, bacon-wrapped salmon roulades with sauteed spinach and red potatoes, and berry crepes with whipped mascarpone. Prices vary; 3313 N. Clark St. 773-348-3313.

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10 a.m.: Brunch buffet featuring smoked salmon Benedict, apple-stuffed pork loin, horseradish-encrusted prime rib, turkey London broil, dessert crepes and ice cream. Moms get a glass of champagne. \$42.95. \$15.95 for kids 7-12. Free for kids under 7; 315 N. La Salle St. 312-822-0100.

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11 a.m.: Brunch buffet

Mom's the word

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featuring baked goods, pastries, salads, frittatas, fruit, salmon, grilled vegetables, pasta, turkey, ham and roast beef. Includes coffee, tea, champagne and mimosas. \$32.95. \$16.95 for kids under 12; 825 W. Erie St. 312-563-0495.

LA TACHE

10 a.m.: Executive chef Andrew Alcid prepares a special a la carte brunch menu with options such as asparagus salad with feta, heirloom tomatoes and candied hazelnuts, French toast with fruit and maple syrup, and seared salmon over a mushroom and leek crepe; 1475 W. Balmoral Ave. 773-334-7168.

MAXWELL'S AT THE CLUB

10 a.m.: Brunch buffet includes shrimp cocktail, lox with cream cheese, toasted bagels, roasted

potato salad, roast prime rib, roast rack of lamb, eggs Benedict, waffles and omelets. At 4:30 p.m. a dinner buffet replaces breakfast fare. Entrees include roasted halibut, soy-ginger tuna with lo mein noodles and herb-roasted lemon oregano chicken. \$45. \$15 for kids under 10; 500 N. Kingsbury St. 312-527-5800 ext. 301.

NOMI

Limited space, 1:30-2:15 p.m. only: Brunch buffet featuring a choice of plated entree, plus soups, a carving station, salads and seafood. \$110. \$30 for kids 6-12; 800 N. Michigan Ave. Park Hyatt Hotel, 7th floor. 312-239-4030.

ROCKIT BAR & GRILL

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Metromix's top weekend shows

P.O.S.

Rapper's "Never Better" is the best hip-hop album in a while. *Cursive* headlines. *The Berg Sans Nipple* opens. 8 p.m. Saturday. \$15. Bottom Lounge, 1375 W. Lake St. 312-666-6775.

FALL OUT BOY

Pete Wentz is everywhere. Fortunately the band's great. With Metro Station, *Cobra Starship*, *All Time Low*, *Hey Monday*. 6:30 p.m. Saturday. \$26-\$41. Allstate Arena, 6920 Mannheim Rd., Rosemont. 312-559-1212.

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THE KILLS

Featuring the soon-to-be-bandmate of Jack White. With *The Horrors*, *Magic Wands*. 9 p.m. Saturday. \$16. Metro, 3730 N. Clark St. 773-549-0203.

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Joe Bonamassa,
Saturday, Oct. 24 (\$34-\$47, all ages) at Vic Theatre.

Steve Earle, Thursday, June 25 (\$35, all ages) at Vic Theatre.

Little Joy, Tuesday, June 16 (\$12-\$15, 17+) at Subterranean.

Misfits, Juicehead, Sunday, Aug. 9 (\$18-\$20, all ages) at House of Blues.

Natalie Portman's Shaved Head, Saturday, May 30 (\$10, 17+) at Subterranean.

Paolo Nutini, Erin McCarley, Sunday, Aug. 2 (\$22.50, 18+) at Vic Theatre.

Sonic Youth, Saturday, June 27 (\$30, all ages) at Vic Theatre.

On sale 11 a.m. Saturday

Creed, Sunday, Aug. 30 (\$19-\$85, all ages) at First Midwest Bank Amphitheatre.

Pearl Jam, Sunday, Aug. 23 (\$68, all ages) at United Center.

On sale noon Saturday

Maximo Park, Thursday, Sept. 17 (\$15, all ages) at Metro.

On sale now

The Duhks, Sunday, July 12 (\$12-\$14, 21+) at Schubas.

Micachu and the Shapes, Monday, July 13 (\$8, all ages) at Schubas.

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'Wallander'

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Crime show fans who have been longing for an antidote to the too-slick detectives on network TV need look no further than Kurt Wallander, a brooding Swede played with quiet anguish by Kenneth Branagh in this new "Mystery!" series. Don't let the English accents and idioms turn you off. The three 90-minute cases, adapted from the acclaimed novels of Henning Mankell, use the beautiful-but-ominous Swedish town of Ystad so effectively it almost becomes a scary, disturbing character. These tales are gripping from the first horrifying scene of Sunday's "Sidetracked." **CURT WAGNER, REDEYE**

LIKE IT**SONG**
'Goodbye'
Kristinia DeBarge

Kristinia DeBarge seems set for big things. Her debut single, "Goodbye," crosses the stomping synth of Britney Spears' "If You Seek Amy" with Steam's "Na Na Hey Hey Kiss Him Goodbye" and has already landed in a Nivea commercial. Throw in the fact that the 19-year-old is the daughter of James DeBarge of the '80s-hit-making DeBarge and the backing of L.A. Reid and her success seems like only a question of time.

GLENN GAMBOA, NEWSDAY

Hear the tension

Ciara's duet with Chris Brown on long-delayed LP raises eyebrows**By Ann Powers**

LOS ANGELES TIMES

Ciara's long-delayed third album, "Fantasy Ride," includes one cut for which she's been taking flak. "Turntables" is a duet with Chris Brown, a song the Atlanta-based hip-pop ingenue opted not to remove even after Brown allegedly battered ex-girlfriend Rihanna in a February incident for which he's now facing criminal charges.

The song, produced by Timbaland associate Nate "Danja" Hills, does have the whirlpool pull of a hit, thanks in part to the synergistic tension between Ciara and Brown. Still, the question remains: Why did she feel it was worth the compromise?

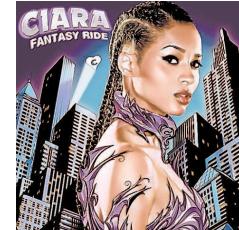
The violence between Brown and Rihanna now haunts the R&B scene, and not just those who work with or

know the two. We're all still living in the unresolved moment after Rihanna's bruised face entered our vision.

"Fantasy Ride" goes the superheroine route so popular among today's pop ingenues. Originally intended as a triptych divided into one hip-hop-flavored disc, another featuring futuristic club cuts and yet another of seductive ballads, this final version is intriguing but inconsistent.

Ciara follows Beyoncé/Sasha Fierce in giving herself an alter ego, "Super C," who supposedly sings the more aggressive songs here. But that Ciara doesn't seem any more false—or real—than the one murmuring the dullest love songs.

Either way, she's an R&B version of Mystique from the X-Men comics, surviving in a treacherous world by constantly changing shape.


Fantasy Ride
Ciara
★★★

TUNE IN
'Saturday Night Live'
 10:30 p.m. Saturday, NBC

 Justin Timberlake hosts with musical guest Ciara.
 We smell a duet!
LOATHE IT**BOOK**
'Dead and Gone'

by Charlaine Harris

Sookie Stackhouse returns in "Dead and Gone," the ninth novel in the series that inspired "True Blood," about the telepathic waitress from fictional Bon Temps, La., and her dealings with the supernatural world. Some colorful characters from previous Harris vampire books get scant mention in "Dead and Gone," leaving you to wonder, "Where did they go?" Example: Sookie's former lovers cross paths and a fight ensues. Then, both men "up and went." What was the point? **CAROLYN LYSSARD, AP**

**DVD/BLU-RAY**
'The Curious Case of Benjamin Button'

This movie earned 12 Academy Award nominations for its sprawling, ambitious story about a man coming of age by growing up backward. A related narrative is equally compelling, multi-faceted and—with a running time of nearly three hours—lengthy: "The Curious Birth of Benjamin Button," the exceptional making-of documentary that serves as the centerpiece of the two-disc, Criterion Collection edition of the film. **JEN CHANEY, THE WASHINGTON POST**

WEB CLIPS
Kids singing songs they don't understand<http://tr.im/kFOh>

BuzzFeed, a site that aggregates viral Internet content, has gone to the trouble of compiling a bunch of those YouTube clips your friends have been sending you that feature some adorable kid singing the lyrics to a song he or she has no business listening to. BuzzFeed has at least nine clips on its site of kids singing songs from grown-up artists including Nirvana and T-Pain. It's weird, but funny. **JIM WALSH, REDEYE**

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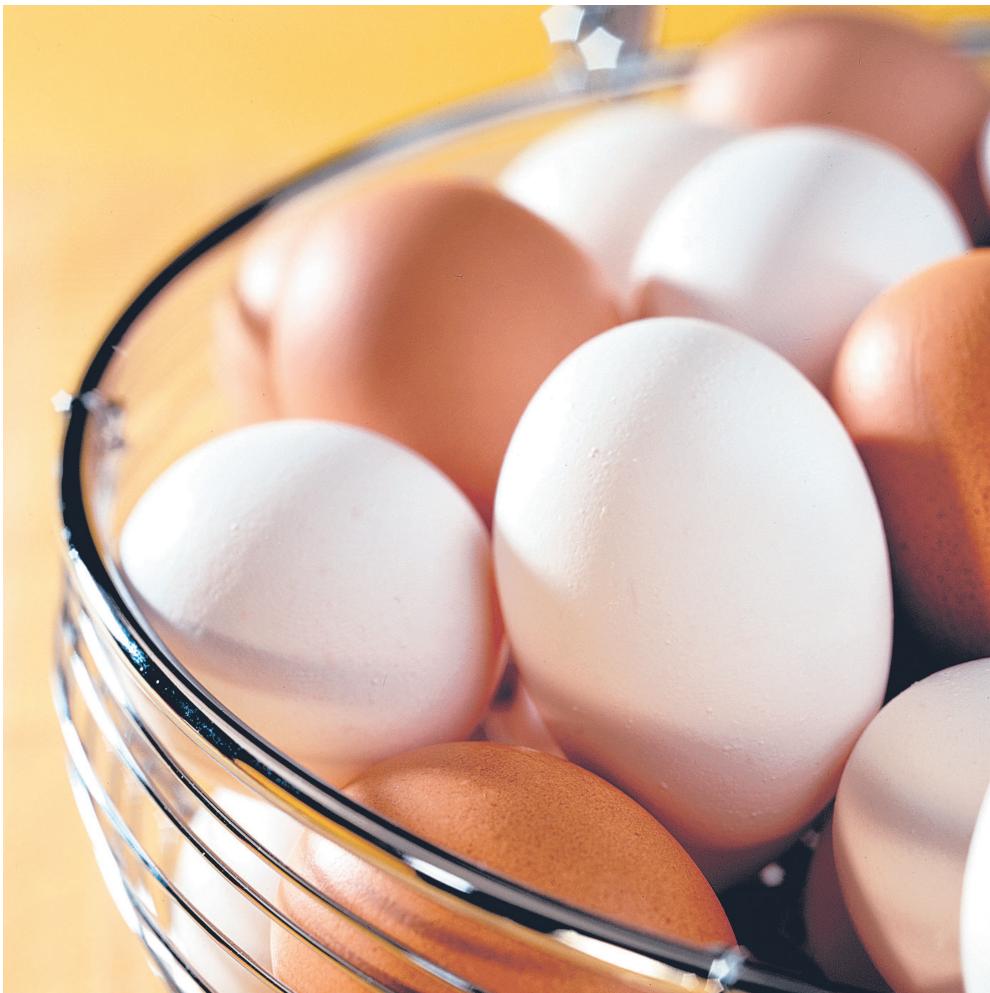
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Tribune File

Chill—or not

Options for storing eggs

In some parts of the globe, eggs are sold unrefrigerated. Hilary Thesmar, the director of the American Egg Board's Egg Safety Center, explains why this is not the case in the U.S. **MCT**

The bottom line is quality: Eggs keep longer when they're refrigerated, says Thesmar. Although some developing countries still allow eggs to be sold and stored unrefrigerated, most places, including England and Australia, at least recommend refrigeration after buying, she says. And many now require eggs to be refrigerated in the store.

England, for instance, revamped its egg safety standards in 1998 after a salmonella outbreak in the late 1980s. Britain's Food Standards Agency and the British Egg Information Service both now recommend that eggs be refrigerated after purchase. So does the Australian Egg Corp.

The difference in standards is partly cultural, says Thesmar, dating from a time when home refrigerators were less common. It's also partly geographic: Small countries where eggs might only take a day or two to get to market may allow them to be sold unrefrigerated.

In America, egg supply is regional. For instance, California consumes more eggs than it produces, so its eggs may have to travel a longer distance to market. Other states have no egg production at all.

7-10 days

Shelf life for an unrefrigerated egg, according to Hilary Thesmar, the director of the American Egg Board's Egg Safety Center.

30-45 days

Shelf life for a refrigerated egg, according to Thesmar.

3 wines worth your time

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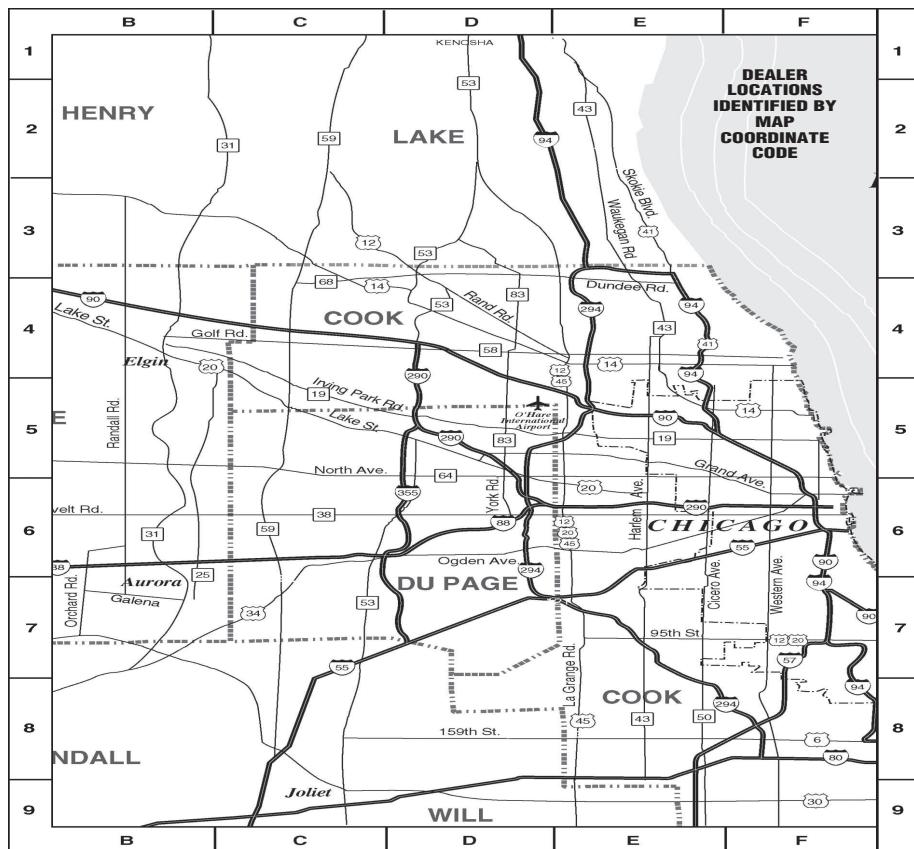
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Target Bullseye Bazaar445 N. Michigan Ave.
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Target has launched its first Midwest pop-up store, open from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. through Saturday.

g boutique1451 W. Fullerton Ave.; 773-235-1234
boutiqueg.com

To celebrate its second location, the boutique holds a grand opening weekend event with lingerie, champagne, cake, chocolate and flowers through Saturday.

MOTHER'S DAY SPECIAL**Urban Spa Chic**1401 W. Hubbard St.; 312-492-8050
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For Mother's Day, the spa holds a variety of events Saturday and Sunday, including a free mini makeup application with any massage or facial and a complimentary continental brunch.

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Mom's day

hot stuff

Mother's Day is Sunday. Are you prepared? You better be! Give Mom something to smile about this year and show your undying appreciation. Here's a last-minute gift guide to help you out.

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**Creme de la creme**

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**Name game**

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Next big thing: Energy drinks for your brain

Los Angeles Times

Loaded with caffeine and taurine to stimulate the central nervous system, energy drinks have become the go-to solution when you need a quick, energizing pick-me-up.

But sometimes energy isn't what you need. Concentration and attention can start to fade in the face of those midafternoon doldrums and a host of distractions. Something to perk up the mind and enhance focus would do the trick.

Some beverage manufacturers say they have just the solution. They're touting a new kind of drink that emphasizes focus over ferocity. The key substance is the amino acid L-theanine, which preliminary research suggests might calm the brain to enhance concentration and mental stamina.

Certain formulations of SoBe Lifewater and VitaminWater contain L-theanine, as does a new beverage called ViB. And Gatorade recently introduced a drink with the amino acid as well. That product—Tiger—was named for and marketed by golfer Tiger Woods, the king of concentration in the sports world.

"Focus and concentration is the next generation of the energy drink," says Scott Smith, vice president of Taiyo International, a major producer of L-theanine in a patented tea extract called Suntheanine. "This will put you in an alert state—in a zone—but it's not going to keep you up at night."



He's got his eyes on you: Gatorade's Tiger drink.



Pink-slip parties

Young professionals try mixers to boost their job prospects

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CHARLOTTE Dozens of young professionals with color-coded name tags nervously sipped cocktails, eyeing the brightly colored stickers of passers-by.

It's a formula usually associated with singles mixers: red stickers signify you're unavailable, yellow means open to meeting new people and green means you're on the prowl.

But this party, earlier this month at the Duke Mansion in the Myers Park neighborhood of Charlotte wasn't for people looking for potential mates—these twentysomethings were looking for jobs.

The rising unemployment rate has helped bring back a night-life trend that started with the dot-com bust of 2000—the pink-slip party.

As more young professionals find themselves laid off, they're learning that it's hard to stand out among thousands on the Web or at an impersonal job fair with hundreds of other applicants.

WORK THE ROOM

Jenny Smith, a job resource consultant for Right Management, offers these tips for your next networking event.

Bring your tool kit: Plenty of business cards, two pens and a small notepad that can slip into your purse or pocket. Write notes on the back of cards about your conversations afterward.

Take the lead: Have a conversation-starter ready—"I'm not familiar with your company. Would you please tell me more about it?"

Divide and conquer: If you arrive with a friend, focus on networking individually. Reconvene periodically and introduce each other to new contacts you've met separately.

Instead, they're bringing their business cards and resumes to nightspots where recruiting agencies set up shop in a casual atmosphere and the restaurant donates the hors d'oeuvres and drink specials.

"This is a lot more promising than a job

fair we went to where there were 300 people standing in line with their resumes at every table," said Nicole Vecchio, 22, a recent University of North Carolina-Wilmington grad who wore a yellow sticker at the early-April event.

Pink-slip parties began resurfacing in places like New York and L.A. last fall, and the first such party in Charlotte—hosted by Charlotte Center City Partners at Jillian's in February—drew more than 500 people. Since then, similar parties have drawn upward of 250 at each event.

The Charlotte Pink Slip Party, held last month, was organized by Jennifer Berl, 34, a real-estate agent and mother of five. She was inspired to throw one because she and her family struggled to stay afloat for more than a year after her husband lost his job and the housing market slowed.

"This is not just one family or one business going through this," she said. "Everyone's kind of going under, and we've got to help each other to get out."

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Here's what I'm flipping between this weekend.



MLB
Cubs at Milwaukee
6:05 p.m. Saturday, CSN
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White Sox vs. Texas
6:05 p.m. Saturday, WGN
1:05 p.m. Sunday, CSN



NHL
Blackhawks at Vancouver
9:30 p.m. Saturday, CSN

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THE TOPIC

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How can you spot a bandwagon Blackhawks fan?



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They pronounce Jonathan Toews' last name as "toes."



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JIM WALSH
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They keep asking where the cheerleaders are.



STANLEY'S CUP
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When someone scores a goal, they scream, "Touchdown!"

Tough guys

How do the White Sox stack up against the ultimate Texas Ranger?

The White Sox are hosting the Texas Rangers this weekend. Naturally, this reminds us of the ultimate Texas Ranger: Our main man Walker, as played by Chuck Norris. While no one is as tough and awesome as Norris—he could win the World Series by himself—some Sox come close to measuring up. **RYAN SMITH FOR REDEYE**



Ozzie Guillen

Like Chuck: He used to have a sweet mustache that has morphed into a slightly less tough goatee. **Chuckless:** A light hitter as a player, Guillen hit 28 career home runs back in the day. Chuck Norris could hit that many in a three-game series.



Jim Thome

Like Chuck: Something about Thome's all-or-nothing swing reminds us of a Chuck Norris roundhouse kick. **Chuckless:** Thome usually plays designated hitter. Chuck Norris could play shortstop and third base at the same time if he wanted to.



Bobby Jenks

Like Chuck: Jenks' blazing fastball has been clocked at more than 100 mph—only slightly slower than a Chuck Norris toss. **Chuckless:** Jenks comes in for one inning every other game or so. Chuck Norris could play every inning until the end of time.

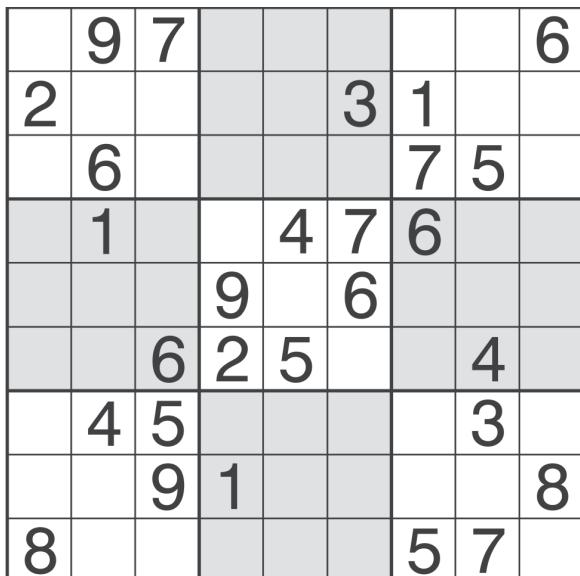
The verdict: This trio of Sox does exhibit some Chuck Norris traits, but let's face it: All three of them combined still could not defeat Chuck Norris.

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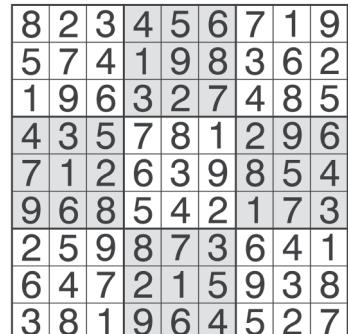
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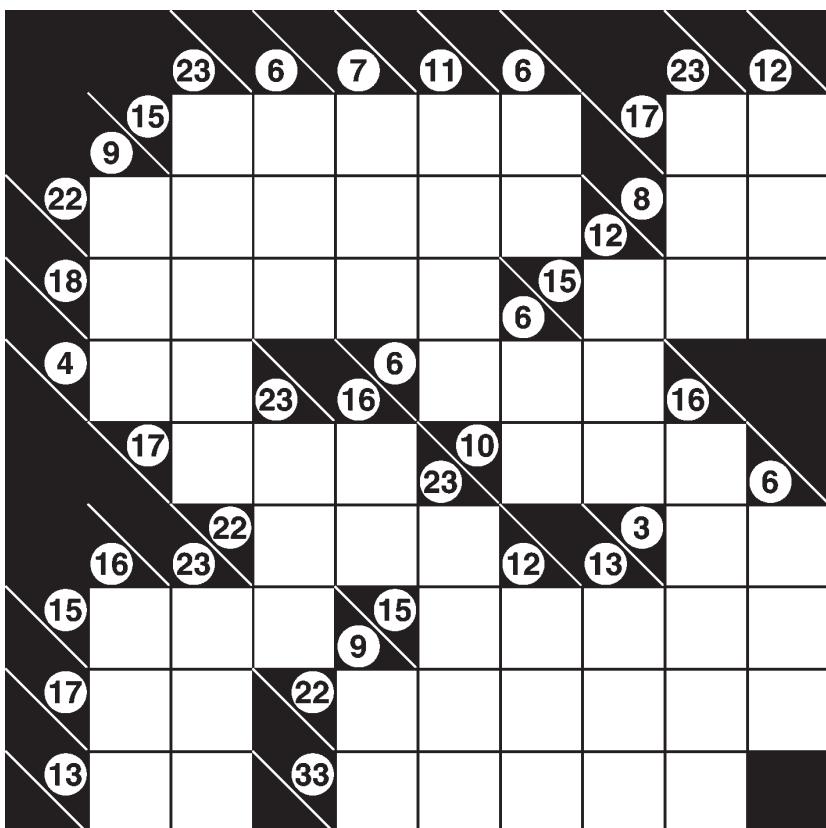


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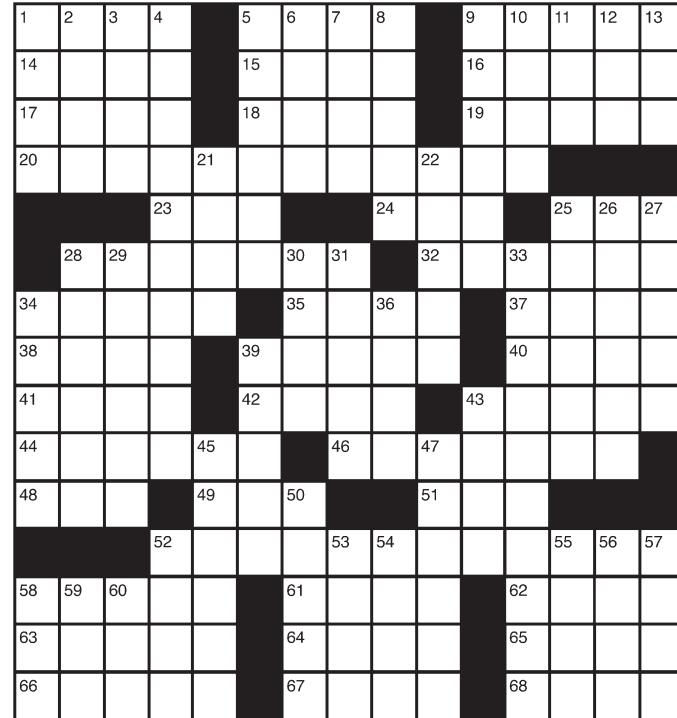
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**ACROSS**

- 1 Be a tattletale
- 5 Exchange
- 9 Incline
- 14 Citrus fruit
- 15 At __; relaxed
- 16 "Daily" or "Post"
- 17 Lyrical works
- 18 Mine entrance
- 19 Hayworth and Moreno
- 20 Polluted
- 23 "Got a Secret"
- 24 Green pasture
- 25 Figure sums
- 28 Taught
- 32 Slow, in music
- 34 Use skillfully
- 35 Son of Zeus
- 37 Handed over
- 38 Jai __
- 39 Show the validity of
- 40 Roman road
- 41 August's follower: abbr.
- 42 vera
- 43 Suffixes for pun and prank
- 44 __ on; swindled
- 46 Shaped beforehand
- 48 Uzbekistan, once: abbr.
- 49 Gun owners' org.
- 51 Large tub
- 52 Detailed lists
- 58 Martini garnish
- 61 Walk laboriously
- 62 Not closed
- 63 "M*A*S*H" role
- 64 Bowling alley division
- 65 1492 ship
- 66 Oafs
- 67 Spud buds
- 68 Ooze

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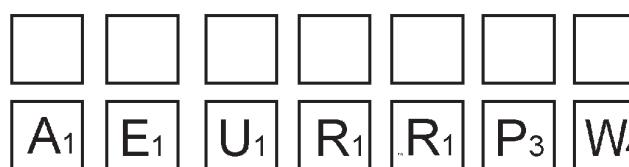
- 1 Political alliance
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- 3 "I agree!"
- 4 Barbarianism
- 5 Naval personnel
- 6 Usually dry gully
- 7 D __ David
- 8 Flower part
- 9 Bed cover



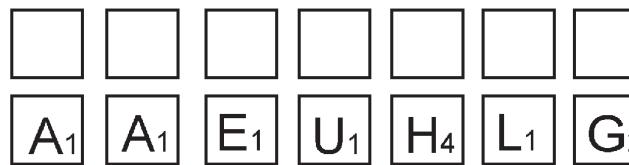
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| 10 __ off; temporarily idle | 29 "Grim" one | 50 Abundant |
| 11 __ for; choose | 30 James __ Jones | 52 __ the Terrible |
| 12 __ soup | 31 Lose firmness | 53 "Now __ me down to..." |
| 13 Trauma ctrs. | 33 Turmoils | 54 Region |
| 21 Like a go-getter | 34 Social insects | 55 Mayberry resident |
| 22 Kid | 36 Word with how or when | 56 Hawaii's state bird |
| 25 Kinds of marbles | 39 Father | 57 Easy task |
| 26 Distract | 43 "Beat it!" | 58 United group: abbr. |
| 27 Industrious people | 45 Goes in | 59 Film: "7 Faces of Dr. __" |
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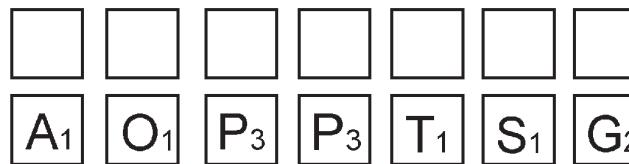
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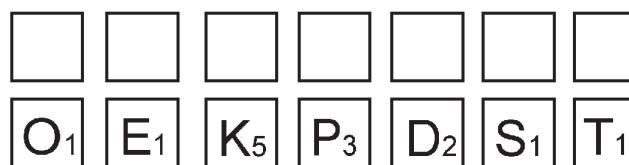


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2nd Letter Double

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REWIND!

The celebiverse is flipping and reversing it. Seems there have been a lot of repeats in the pop culture world lately. It's enough to give someone a serious case of déjà vu. Check it.

COLDPLAY'S BEING ACCUSED OF PLAGIARISM—AGAIN!

According to the British press, Yusuf Islam (you might remember him as Cat Stevens) is accusing Coldplay of ripping off his 1973 song "Foreigner Suite" in their hit "Viva La Vida." The band declined to comment on the matter when contacted by **people.com**. They also kept mum when guitarist Joe Satriani accused them of the same thing. And, as People notes, New York act Creaky Boards also accused them of plagiarism.

SPECULATION CONTINUES AS TO WHETHER NBC WILL BRING BACK "CHUCK"—AGAIN!

NBC announced much of its upcoming lineup Monday, saying it will renew the likes of "Heroes," "Parks & Recreation" and "Southland." Conspicuously absent from the announcement was any news on the on-the-bubble action comedy "Chuck." This means that fans of the often-speculated-about show will have to wait until May 19, when the network unveils the full schedule, to know "Chuck's" fate.

OPRAH'S GETTING BEHIND A NEW TALK SHOW—AGAIN!

Word on the street (and by that, we mean according to *The Hollywood Reporter*) is that Oprah Winfrey is developing another lifestyle guru. Former Playboy model Jenny McCarthy has reportedly inked a multi-platform development deal with Winfrey's Harpo that includes a syndicated talk show. If Dr. Phil and Rachael Ray are any indication, this could be huge.

ANOTHER VIDEO FROM SUSAN BOYLE'S PAST HAS SURFACED—AGAIN!

The latest clip of Boyle—and we're pretty sure it's her—features the "Britain's Got Talent" phenom belting out yet another moving number in what looks like a community center of some sort. And it's clearly the '80s. Blogger Perez Hilton also has posted a recording he says is Boyle from back in the day.

AND OF COURSE, THERE WAS THAT TIME HEIDI AND SPENCER GOT MARRIED—AGAIN!

Thank goodness for photo opportunities. The couple's official wedding last month came five months after they said they got hitched in Mexico in an impromptu ceremony. Naturally, both events were heavily documented.

red hot



Hudson brought Otunga to the Grammy Awards in February. **GETTY IMAGES FILE**

Jennifer Hudson's man has some serious bling. For his birthday last month, Hudson gave David Otunga, a.k.a. Punk from "I Love New York 2," a 5-carat engagement ring, five months after Otunga first popped the question on Hudson's 27th birthday, **people.com** reports. Problem was, neither Hudson nor the ring designer knew Otunga's ring size, so the bling was too big. Not to worry, though: It was resized last weekend when Hudson was in L.A., **People** reports.



Ring bearer

“I feel that Jon is having difficult times realizing that, you know, you can't go to the grocery store without people whipping out their cell phones, calling everyone they know and taking pictures of you. He is dealing very poorly with it.”

—KATE GOSSELIN (RIGHT) TALKING ABOUT HER HUSBAND, JON, AND THEIR REALITY SHOW “JON AND KATE PLUS 8” ON THURSDAY’S “LARRY KING LIVE,” ACCORDING TO USMAGAZINE.COM EXCERPTS.



Hilton

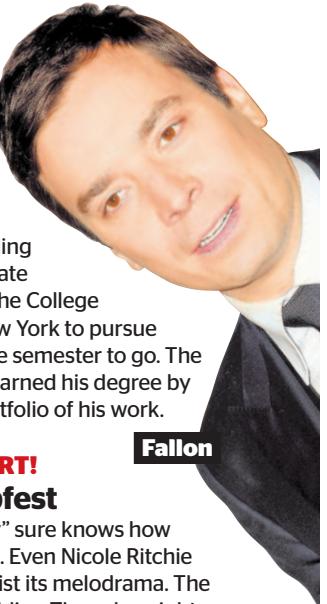
Dear Google diary ...

Paris Hilton's diary? It's Google. In a pre-trial hearing for a case in which she's being sued for \$8 million for not promoting her 2006 comedy "Pledge This!" lawyers asked if she keeps a diary for business meetings. "I just press my name and Google it and see," she told the court Thursday, according to **usmagazine.com**.

Graduation day

After 15 years of real-world learning, Jimmy Fallon is finally getting his bachelor's degree in communication Saturday, according to the AP. The "Late Night" host left the College of St. Rose in New York to pursue comedy with one semester to go. The college said he earned his degree by presenting a portfolio of his work.

Fallon



SPOILER ALERT!

'Grey's' sobfest

"Grey's Anatomy" sure knows how to do tearjerkers. Even Nicole Ritchie is helpless to resist its melodrama. The unexpected wedding Thursday night between Izzie (Katherine Heigl) and Alex (Justin Chambers) had Ritchie sobbing. "Just watched Grey's & cried my [bleeping] eyes out," Ritchie wrote on her Twitter page, according to **usmagazine.com**.

Lance's side

Why did Lance Armstrong and Sheryl Crow break up? "She wanted marriage, she wanted children; and not that I didn't want that . . . , " he says in the book "Lance," according to excerpts from The New York Post's Page Six. "Yet we were up against her biological clock—that pressure is what cracked it."

Sexy and smart?

Sex symbol Megan Fox resents having to prove she's got brains. "I don't want to have to go on talk shows and pull out every single SAT word I've ever learned to prove, like, 'Take me seriously, I am intelligent, I can speak,'" she says in the June issue of **Esquire**.



Fox